

To The Environment Committee Concerning S.B. 79

I am a contractor in Norwalk specializing in Bamboo removal.

In the past I have done several projects throughout the state and find it very difficult to remove the infestation of this plant.

It involves heavy equipment, sifting by machine and hand through the soil 3 feet deep,

After this painstaking work, the grounds have to be landscaped and put back into the original state.

Before this can happen we have to bring in landfill and garden soil to make up for the loss of dirt that went out with the enormous root systems. As this is considered contaminated soil it has to be burnt in special facilities to render it clean.

The expense of this is 3 times as high as a normal dumpster.

Bamboo removal is never done in one year as the root system is so invasive and persistent that inspections have to be put in place for 2 more years to come after the original cleaning.

Overall it is the most difficult plant I have had to deal with in my career and it should be outlawed of all Connecticut properties and throughout the country.

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